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	MEMORANDUM FOR:	Chief NGA/CENG 6	
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	ATTENTION:		25X1A
	SUBJECT:	Possible Antimissile Missile Launch Site, Sary Shagan Antimissile Test Complex	20/(1/4
	REFERENCES:	(a) Requirement NSA/GENS 6/R4-61K (b) Project JN-121/61	
25X1D	1. In an attempt to identify the area of the Sary Shagan Antimissile Test Complex from which an antimissile firing was possibly conducted on 8 December 1960, a comprehensive photo-interpretation study of the photography covering Launch Complexes A and B at the Test Complex has been made. No conclusions can be drawn as to whether a missile could have been launched on 8 December 1960 or which launch complex was the more active at that time.		
i .	2. Most of the Test Complex was covered by a snowfall of unknown depth at the time of photography. Active areas can be determined by the presence of roads or areas which have been cleared of snow. However, there are areas of marginal activity which could be covered by a light snow or drifted snow. Depth of snow cannot be determined from the		
	3. The main roads from the Sary Shagan Support Base to both Complexes A and B were cleared of snow. Roads cleared of snow at Complex A include the perimeter road and the roads into unidentified Area No 2 and		

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the new area of activity (south of the SA-2 launch areas). Roads cleared at

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Complex B include the road from the Support Area to the "T"-junction in launch area B. Of the two support areas, that at Launch Complex B appeared to be the more active.

FOR THE DIRECTOR, NPIC

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